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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20554

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In the Matter of)
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Section 63.71 Application of)
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BellSouth Telecommunications, LLC d/b/a) File No.
AT&T Southeast)
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For Authority Pursuant to Section 214 of)
The Communications Act of 1934, As Amended,)
To Discontinue the Provision of Service)

**SECTION 63.71 APPLICATION OF BELL SOUTH TELECOMMUNICATIONS, LLC
D/B/A AT&T SOUTHEAST**

AT&T Services Inc. on behalf of its affiliate, BellSouth Telecommunications, LLC d/b/a AT&T Southeast ("AT&T") applies for authority under Section 214(a) of the Communications Act, as amended ("the Act"), 47 U.S.C. § 214, and Section 63.71 of the Federal Communications Commission's ("Commission") rules, 47 C.F.R. §63.71, to discontinue Wavelength Dedicated Ring service ("WDRS") throughout its service territory in Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Tennessee.

As required by Section 63.71(a) and (b) of the Commission's rules, AT&T provides the following information:

Name and Address of Carrier (47 C.F.R. § 63.71(a)(1), (b)(2)):

BellSouth Telecommunications, LLC d/b/a AT&T Southeast
One AT&T Way, Rm 5C222K
Bedminster, NJ 07921

Date of Planned Service Discontinuance (47 C.F.R. § 63.71(a)(2), (b)(2)):

AT&T plans to discontinue offering this service to new customers on or after December 1, 2012, subject to Commission approval of this Application. Also, effective December 1, 2012, existing customers will not be permitted to renew term payment plans or enter into new term agreements. Upon expiration of existing term agreements, AT&T will continue to provide WDRS service on a month-to-month basis until the service is discontinued (currently planned for September 30, 2017). Effective December 1, 2012, existing customers will not be permitted to add new service nodes to existing WDRS service arrangements; however, existing customers will be permitted to modify their existing WDRS service to add new circuits between existing node locations. Effective December 1, 2016, AT&T will no longer accept move, add or change orders of any type for existing WDRS service.

Points of Geographic Areas of Service Affected (47 C.F.R. § 63.71(a)(3), b(2)):

WDRS will be discontinued in Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Tennessee.

Brief Description of Type of Service Affected (47 C.F.R. § 63.71(a)(3), b(2)):

BellSouth Wavelength Dedicated Ring Service provides high volume transparent and bit rate specific optical transport capabilities in a dedicated ring configuration. WDRS utilizes diversely routed transport facilities that connect node locations together in a dedicated ring arrangement.

AT&T is discontinuing this service due to low market demand. The public convenience and necessity is not impaired by the discontinuance of this service because a variety of transport services are readily available in the market such as AT&T Ultravailable[®] Network Service.

Brief Description of the Dates and Methods of Notice to All Affected Customers (47 C.F.R. §63.71(b)(3)):

AT&T's WDRS customers were notified by letter sent via US Mail on October 11, 2012.

Copies of this Application are being sent, first class U.S. Mail, to the public utilities commission and governor of each state in which discontinuance is proposed and also to the Special Assistant for Telecommunications to the Secretary of Defense, as required by 63.71(a) of the Commission's rules.

Regulatory Classification of Carrier (47 C.F.R. § 63.71(b)(4)):

AT&T offers WDRS pursuant to non-dominant carrier regulation.

Questions about this application may be addressed to Dave Talbott, AT&T Services, Inc., Director - Federal Regulatory, 1120 20th Street N.W., Suite 1000, Washington, D.C. 20036, (202) 457-3039.

Conclusion:

The public convenience and necessity will not be adversely affected by the discontinuance of WDRS because there is very low market demand and there are alternative services available from AT&T and other providers. AT&T respectfully requests that the Commission approve its Section 63.71 Application to discontinue this service.

Respectfully submitted,

By: /s/Terri L. Hoskins

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Its Attorneys

October 15, 2012

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I do certify that I have, on this October 15, 2012, served a copy of the foregoing Section 63.71 Application by U.S. Mail postage prepaid to the following:

/s/Lacretia Hill
Lacretia Hill

Alabama Public Service Commission
100 N. Union Street
Suite 850
Montgomery, AL 36104

Governor Steve Beshear
700 Capital Avenue
Suite 100
Frankfort, KY 40601

Governor Robert Bentley
State Capitol
600 Dexter Avenue
Montgomery, AL 36130

Louisiana Public Service Commission
Galvez Building, 12th Floor
602 North Fifth Street
P.O. Box 91154
Baton Rouge, LA 70821

Florida Public Service Commission
2540 Shumard Oak Blvd.
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0850

Secretary of Defense
Attn: Special Asst. for Telecommunications
Pentagon
Washington, D.C. 20301

Governor Rick Scott
Office of the Governor
The Capitol
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0001

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P.O. Box 94004
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Georgia Public Service Commission
244 Washington Street, SW
Atlanta, GA 30334

Mississippi Public Utilities Commission
Woolfolk Building
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Georgia State Capitol
Atlanta, GA 30334

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P.O. Box 139
Jackson, MS 39205

Kentucky Public Service Commission
211 Sower Boulevard
Frankfort, KY 40602

North Carolina Utilities Commission
430 North Salisbury Street
Dobbs Building
Raleigh, NC 27603-5918

Governor Beverly Perdue
Office of the Governor
20301 Mail Service Center
Raleigh, NC 27699-0301

Public Service Commission of South
Carolina,
101 Executive Center Dr., Suite 100
Columbia, SC 29210

Governor Nikki Haley
Office of the Governor
P.O. Box 12267
Columbia, SC 29211

Tennessee Regulatory Authority
460 James Robertson Parkway
Nashville, TN 37243-0505

Governor Bill Haslam
Governor's Office
Tennessee State Capitol
Nashville, TN 37243-0001



October 11, 2012



**Notice Regarding
BellSouth Wavelength Dedicated Ring Service (WDRS) *
Change in Service Effective 12/1/2012**

Thank you for using AT&T for your business service needs. This notice outlines changes to BellSouth Wavelength Dedicated Ring Service (WDRS), including grandfathering and related changes which will be effective December 1, 2012.

Our records indicate you have active BellSouth Wavelength Dedicated Ring Service (WDRS) Service.

Effective December 1, 2012 (and pending regulatory approval where such approval is required) BellSouth Wavelength Dedicated Ring Service (WDRS) offered under the AT&T Interstate Access Guidebook (located at <http://cpr.att.com/pdf/is/index.html>) and the applicable state guidebooks (located at <http://www.att.com/gen//public-affairs?pid=11695>) will no longer be available to new customers in the states of AL, FL, GA, KY, LA, MS, NC, SC, TN.

Current AT&T customers with BellSouth Wavelength Dedicated Ring Service (WDRS) may retain existing service arrangements subject to the following changes, unless specified to the contrary in existing service agreements:

- **Effective December 1, 2012**, existing customers may not renew Term Payment Plans or term agreements for BellSouth Wavelength Dedicated Ring Service (WDRS). Following the expiration of existing term payment plans or term agreements, AT&T will provide WDRS on a month-to-month basis until the service is discontinued (currently planned for 09/30/2017). During any month-to-month service period, AT&T may change the rates, terms and conditions of the service upon required notification.
- **Effective December 1, 2012**, the addition of new WDRS nodes at new locations will not be permitted, but existing customers will be permitted to modify their existing ring service to add new circuits between existing node locations. Any new circuits will be coterminous with the existing WDRS term payment plan or term agreement.
- **Effective December 1, 2016**, no Move, Add or Change orders of any type will be accepted for Wavelength Dedicated Ring Service (WDRS).

AT&T is ready to provide AT&T Ultravailable® Network Service as a replacement solution today.

If you have any questions in regards to this planned service change please contact your AT&T sales representative, or contact me at smrichards@att.com. We appreciate your business and look forward to serving your future technology needs.

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Sincerely,

Susan Richards
Senior Product Marketing Manager
AT&T Services, Inc.

* Service provided under the AT&T Interstate Access Guidebook and applicable state tariffs or guidebooks by BellSouth Telecommunications, LLC. d/b/a/ AT&T Alabama, AT&T Florida, AT&T Georgia, AT&T Kentucky, AT&T Louisiana, AT&T Mississippi, AT&T North Carolina, AT&T South Carolina, AT&T Tennessee.

AT&T is required by the FCC to provide the following statement:

The FCC will normally authorize this proposed discontinuance of service (or reduction or impairment) unless it is shown that customers would be unable to receive service or a reasonable substitute from another carrier or that the public convenience and necessity is otherwise adversely affected. If you wish to object, you should file your comments as soon as possible, but no later than 15 days after the Commission releases public notice of the proposed discontinuance. Address them to the Federal Communications Commission, Wireline Competition Bureau, Competition Policy Division, Washington, DC 20554, and include in your comments a reference to the §63.71 Application of BellSouth Telecommunications, LLC. Comments should include specific information about the impact of this proposed discontinuance (or reduction or impairment) upon you or your company, including any inability to acquire reasonable substitute service.